

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending October 9, 2020

Woman Found Dead on Park Bench on the DC Side of Chevy Chase Circle

Cause is unknown at this time; DC and US Park Police are investigating

Shortly before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, a resident was taking a walk in the Village when a young man who was unknown to the resident informed her that he had seen a woman slumped over on a bench within Chevy Chase Circle. The young man told the resident that he thought the woman on the bench was either sick or dead, and the man requested that the resident call the authorities.

The resident walked to the Village Hall and relayed the information to the dispatcher in the Communications Center. Village officers and Fire/Rescue units responded right away, and once on the scene, they quickly determined that the woman on the bench was dead. There was no obvious sign of trauma on the woman's body. The woman appeared to be of middle age, and there were indications that she was homeless.

Village officers determined that the woman's body was in the District of Columbia, so they requested that the Metropolitan Police (DC) and the U.S. Park Police respond to the scene (the interior of the Circle belongs to the Department of the Interior, National Park Service). Those agencies will be conducting the investigation.